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NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR CENTER 1600/2900

DEBRANCHING ENZYMES FROM MAIZE

New York, New York July 26, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examining this application, amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2 and 17-20.

Substitute claims 1, 9, 15, 16 and 21 with amended claims 1, 9, 15, 16 and 21

as follows:*

(Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid

sequence, wherein the nucleic acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of:

a part of a nucleic acid sequence encoding a protein comprising (a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2;

a part of a nucleic acid sequence that is SEQ ID NO: 1; (b)

A "Version Showing Changes Made" is enclosed herewith.